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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY: REFERENCE TO MALTA

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1. WE APPRECIATE COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL ON REVISED PART I OF EAST-WEST STUDY AND WANT TO CIRCULATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, REFERENCES TO MALTA IN PARA 34 REFTEL. OUR APPROACH AT NATO HAS BEEN TO UNDERLINE MINTOFF'S DECLARATIONS OF NONALIGNMENT AS INDICATIONS THAT MINTOFF WILL BE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT SOVIET WARSHIPS IN MALTA'S DOCKYARDS. FOR US TO RAISE SPECTRE OF SOVIET USE OF THESE FACILITIES IN THE EAST-WEST STUDY COULD PROVIDE AMMUNITION TO THE MALTESE, THROUGH THE ITALIANS, TO MAKE DEMANDS FOR POST-1979 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE ALLIANCE. SUCH DEMANDS, WE BELIEVE, SHOULD MORE PROPERLY BE MADE TO MALTA'S NEIGHBORS OR IN THE EC FORUM.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND INCLUDING IN OUR CIRCULATED COMMENTS FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 34 DEALING IN GENERAL TERMS WITH SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN MEDITERRANEAN BUT DELETING
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TWO REMAINING SENTENCES CONCERNING MALTA.

3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR CHANGE PER PARA 2. GLITMAN

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